

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage****Project Title:**

Anchorage - Fire Department Station 6 Replacement

State Funding Requested: \$ 6,000,000**House District: 19 - J**

One-Time Need

Brief Project Description:

Land acquisition and replacement of Fire Station #6 in Muldoon.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$6,000,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Explanation of Other Funds:

FY 09

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

Land acquisition and replacement of Fire Station #6 in Muldoon. Fire Station #6 house an engine company and medic unit. Fire Station #6 is approaching it's building life expentancy. Replacement of this facility would allow for a bigger apparatus bay and enlarged living quarters.

Project Timeline:

FY 09

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Municipality of Anchorage

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

2008 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM**MUNICIPAL PRIORITY ISSUES*****Capital Budget*****Public Safety****PROJECT NAME:** FIRE STATION 6 REPLACEMENT - MULDOON**PROJECT TYPE:** Facility Renovation**GRANT REQUEST:** \$6,000,000**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

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COMMENTS:

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JUSTIFICATION:

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FUNDING FORECAST	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
9825 - State Grant Revenue - Direct	6,000	0	0	0	0	0	6,000
Project Total	6,000	0	0	0	0	0	6,000

Legislative District(s)**House:** District 19-Muldoon**Community Council(s):** Anchorage Fire Service Area**CONTACT PERSON:** Michelle Weston, Deputy Chief; Anchorage Fire Department; 267-5055; WestonMR@muni.org



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Mayor Mark Begich

Fire Department

Fire Station 6
"The Pride of Muldoon"
1301 Patterson Street

Station 6 was constructed in 1972 and is currently home to two companies, Engine 6 and Medic 6.

In 2007 crews answered 3,218 requests for service. The Pride of Muldoon has seen a 12.8% increase of total fire and EMS calls in 2007 from the previous year. Medic 6 serviced the second highest percentage of Status 2 calls in 2007. Status 2 patients are considered stable with a high probability of becoming unstable.

Fire and medic service coverage for Engine 6 and Medic 6 extends to Northern Lights at Boniface, Northern Lights to Muldoon, Boniface to the Glenn Highway and to Ft. Rich on the Glenn Highway. Station 6 serves as back-up to Stations 3, 14, 13 and 11 (Station 11 is in Eagle River and 13 is the Auxiliary Station on Hiland). The medic unit may also be called upon anywhere in the City as needed for coverage.

There is an expanding need for service in a growing population center with increases in senior housing, high density low income housing and commercial development i.e. Wal-Mart, the new Target Store and Sam's Club. Target Hazards (large structure or significant fire or life safety concerns) includes MLP Power Plant, AWWU Water Treatment Facility, Native Heritage Center, Bartlett High School, Begich Middle School, seven elementary schools as well as numerous high density senior housing and special needs facilities.

Station 6 is a first responder for rendering mutual aid to the nearby military bases, they have an enormous potential for fire loss due to their extensive wildland urban interface area and provide coverage of the Glenn Highway corridor – where highway accidents are a daily occurrence and frequently include the need for extrication.

Serious Issues:

- Apparatus bay too small (only two inches of mirror clearance on either side).
- Inadequate storage for firefighter gear, equipment and replacement supplies.
- Inadequate space for loading hose during the winter months.
- Parking area too small during crew change and unsecured during night hours.
- No onsite fueling capabilities in case of area-wide disaster.
- Living area is too small for the number of personnel assigned to the station - living quarters in daylight basement.

Community, Security, Prosperity

- No room for practical training - requires out-of-area travel for basic drills and instruction.

Health Concerns:

- Deficient plumbing problems with eleven work orders submitted for plumbing concerns in the past year.
- Constant problems with toilets backing up.
- Cracked sewage lines dripping into the kitchen and living room.
- Rust colored water coming from deteriorating pipes.
- Black sediment in the kitchen sink water supply.
- Frequent strong sulfur odor from drains.
- Generator is inside – causing hearing and respiratory problems.
- Presence of asbestos in antiquated building materials prevents cost effective renovations by creating health risks to personnel.

Safety Concerns:

- Lack of drive-through bay places apparatus and personnel in potential danger from backing related accidents.
- Suspect water quality due to deteriorating pipes.
- Sanitary issues concerning failed sewage pipes and discharge of sewage into the crew living and eating quarters.
- Small parking lot requires three point turns in crowded area to back apparatus into bay.

ANCHORAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT



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Municipality of Anchorage*

March 6, 2008

Dear Senator McGuire and Anchorage Senators;

The Anchorage Fire Department requests \$6 Million in funding to rebuild Fire Station 6 in Anchorage.

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Station 6 has outgrown it's purpose as a fire station and has the following issues:

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Health and safety concerns regarding the current station involve the following issues:

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Thank you for your consideration of funding this project and support for Anchorage firefighters and paramedics. For more information please contact me at 317-7247.

Sincerely,

Michelle Weston
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